

CITY OF OREM
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Minutes
January 27, 2014

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Aaron Orullian	Chair
Carol Manwaring	Vice Chair
Rhonda Wilkinson	
Marlon & Ann Snow	
Jim & Barbara Campbell	
Judy Cox	
Sean Orullian	
Scott Sampson	
Brent Sumner	City Council Representative
Steve Weber	Staff Support
Debbie Lindsay	Clerical

EXCUSED - Judy Cox, Scott Sampson

ABSENT – Marlon & Ann Snow

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I. Approval of minutes – Barbara Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Sean Orullian seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

II. New Members – We had no new members to welcome.

III. Banners - *We did not have a quorum for part of the meeting. Banner discussion was held before we had a full quorum.

IV. Home Holiday Decorating Awards – Aaron – Twenty Holiday Awards were given out by Sean, Aaron and Judy. Sean has also created an Orem Beautification FaceBook page and highlighted some of these awards.

* At this point Rhonda came in and we had a quorum. Elections were held for Chair and Vice Chair. Aaron Orullian nominated Carol Manwaring as Vice Chair. Jim Campbell seconded the nomination. Voting was unanimous and Carol accepted the appointment. Carol Manwaring nominated Aaron Orullian as Chair. Barbara Campbell seconded the nomination. Voting was unanimous. Aaron accepted the appointment.

V. Presentation of 2014 Goals and Accomplishments – Aaron. Aaron showed the PowerPoint that will be shown to the City Council on the February 25, 2014 City Council meeting. There will be a few cosmetic changes and pictures of some of the Yard Award winners added. Sean asked if we could have a link put on the City webpage that would directly link to the Commission's page or FB page. Carol suggested seeing if we could link somehow into the Summerfest page that is put on the City website each year. Sean would like to promote the Orem

City Beautification Commission FB (FaceBook) page. Steve said he has accidentally found it in the past. Sean would like to post Yard Award pictures, information on future Commission plans, such as banners, pots, etc... He also wanted to know about putting the commission member's names on the page. The City website is outdated. Carol mentioned that if the members also FB members, he can link to them. But she also said that he should contact each member individually and ask their permission. Rhonda mentioned that the members list is already public record, so there shouldn't be a reason to not link their names in. Steve also warned about mentioning business names as there is an ordinance that says City signs cannot be used for public speech. There is a fine line as to what can and cannot be put on a City sign. Signs cannot be used to promote businesses. Barbara asked if there was a problem with the Summerfest banner used by the commission in the parade thanking Cook's Greenhouse as it could be considered an advertisement for Cook's. Steve said that was in the past and that we need to move forward and follow the ordinance as it now stands. He also said it is something that we need to talk to the City attorneys about. He specifically said that we can't put Cook's logo on the hanging flower baskets, etc... but that a banner hanging from a private vehicle in the parade as part of the "thank you" for the flowers in the basket would be okay.

VI. Funds for projects – Aaron had and "honor roll" plaque made for anyone that donates money to the Commission. He has a small name tag made at McGee's and puts it on the plaque. The plaque will be displayed at the City Center.

Steve went over the budget. He said that in our Beautification budget, we have approximately \$4300 left. That will not carry over when the fiscal year ends on June 30th. There is approximately \$1300 in the hanging basket fund from donations we have received. He also said that he can't see or track the banner fund that is set up under the Orem Foundation. He said he believes there is about \$1500 in that account. Aaron said that the new mayor has promised \$500 to the commission. Please let Aaron know of any donations received so that he can keep track of who donates what.

VII. Other business – Barbara mentioned Margaret Murdock who lived on the corner of 800 N 400 E before 800 N was widened. She had a beautiful iris garden. Barbara wondered if we could plant a "Margaret Murdock Memorial Iris Garden" in the green space there along 800 N where her house stood. She has spoken to Margaret Black about it and she has also tried contact Margaret Murdock's children but has not been successful. Steve said that UDOT actually owns that property but through an agreement, Orem City maintains it. We would have to get permission to do anything there.

Aaron mentioned the "blanket guy" on the SE corner of State St and 800 N. Steve said it is private property and that he is well within his right to display his wares. Brent Sumner said that they council will make him landscape it. Aaron said he is going in to talk the owner about it as he thinks that it is an eyesore.

Jim would like to award earlier awards for tulip gardens. Aaron said that we could start the yard awards in April to cover tulip season. Jim said that a lot of people appreciate receiving the Yard award and they tend to keep their yard up as a result of the award. He also believes that it is a domino effect in the neighborhoods when a neighbor receives the award. The rest of the neighborhood tends to keep their yards up as well. He would like to discuss it in February's meeting.

Aaron asked that if anyone has agenda items to please get them to him two weeks prior to

the meetings so that he can get the agenda to Debbie in time for legal notice.

Jim made a motion to adjourn Aaron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 24, 2014 at 4:30 pm to be held at the Public Works Complex.